

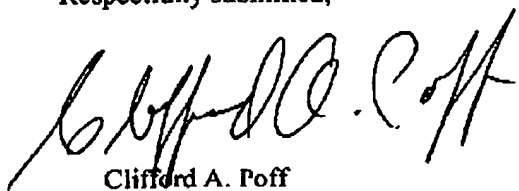
C.) Remarks.

An election with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I comprising claims 1 – 9 was timely filed in response to the restriction requirement set forth in an Official Action dated December 12, 2005. This second preliminary amendment cancels the non-elect claims 10 – 12. By this amendment each of the dependent claims 13 – 20 now dependent directly or ultimately on independent claim 1 and thus now belongs to the elected Group I set of claims.

With respect to the non-elect claim 21 of the group III, reconsideration is respectfully requested the restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction is unsound and should be withdrawn. Claim 21 is submitted to be generic to the invention of the invention of group I and therefore restriction is improper. Claim 1 is a species of claim 21. Claim 1 recites "an automotive instrument panel support beam" which is a species of the recitation in claim 21 of "an article of manufacture".

This second amendment is submitted to further the prosecution of this application and favorable action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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